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BATTALION ORGANIZED

Captain Taylor Appoints Officers—Assigns Football Men—Military Program Determined.

Some weeks after football season closed Captain Taylor reassigned each student to one of the two companies and named the commissioned and non-commissioned officers according to their military experience and ability. A daily program was instituted, which consists in a large part of the same routine that other military schools have in force. Every Friday inspection is held, weather permitting, at which things such as cleanliness and neatness of dress is taken in account. The following are the officers, both commissioned and non-commissioned, that were appointed by Captain Taylor:

1st Lieut. and adj. P. M. Fry.
2nd Lieut. and adj. E. A. Stephens.
Sergeant and Major, W. K. Close.
Color Sergeant, J. Zehmer.
Company A. Captain, J. D. Carneal, Jr.
1st Lieutenant, W. H. C. Ferguson.
2nd Lieutenant, Van Garrett.
1st Sergeant, A. J. Mayp.
Line Sergeants, L. G. Price, A. Blakemore, W. Garber, H. L. Fentress.
Corporals R. Broadwater, M. Stout, A. Elliott, H. T. Smith, N. J. Webb, A. P. Robinson, M. M. Hillard, W. Chisholm.
Company B. Captain, H. G. Chandler.
1st Lieutenant, L. A. Brittingham.
2nd Lieutenant, J. Graham.
1st Sergeant, W. H. Cook.
Line Sergeants, D. O. Murry, L. Simmons, A. Derieux, H. Bridges.
Corporals, R. Byrd, W. Wilson, C. Charlton, R. Rives, A. Lassiter, W. Terrell, C. E. Williams, F. Davis.

LETTER FROM FORMER STUDENT

The following letter, written by Chief Yeoman, Robert E. Skinner, U. S. N., Detail Office, Bureau of Navigation, Washington, D. C., and former William & Mary student, was received here Dec. 16.:

"Mr. W. W. Johnson
Editor The Flat Hat
Williamsburg, Va.

Dear Editor:

"I am today in receipt of a copy of the Flat Hat and appreciate the same very much. Though it's origin dates since my 'time' at old William and Mary it looks perfectly familiar and I feel that I am renewing an old acquaintance.

It is very entertaining and well edited, I think the locals are especially interesting, as I learn from it that my old friend 'Judge' Parker, as well as Taylor and Haley and Prof. Ferguson have commissions in the Army.

I am attaching a contribution for Editor Garber.

With kindest regards for the Editors of The Flat Hat, and all the good fellows at William & Mary, I am

Sincerely,
R. E. Skinner

SIGMA PHI EPSILON "GOAT" DANCE

On Friday night 21st, just before the Christmas recess the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity gave a small but delightful dance at the Colonial Inn. Dancing was indulged in from 8:30 to 1:30 o'clock by some two score couples. Quite a few out of town girls were present, which both enlarged the number dancing and the fun. The hall was decorated with the banners of the College and the Fraternity, and with the orchestra in the niche at the rear made the room very attractive. Towards the end of the dance the students gave the Fraternity a 'yell' in their appreciation of the dance. The music was furnished by Hulchers Orchestra of Norfolk.

DR. BENNETT RESIGNS

Takes Up Y. M. C. A. Work in Fance—Dr Holtz, a Columbia University Graduate Secured to Fill his place

Some weeks before Christmas Dr. H. E. Bennett of the College Faculty answered the call of the Young Men's Christian Association for five hundred men to carry on its work of humanity on the battle fields of Europe. The need of such educated men as Dr. Bennett to go "over there" where a terrible conflict is now raging in order to maintain the morale of the allied armies and aid the millions of poor "souls" in European prison camps is becoming more evident to Americans every day.

The result of Dr. Bennett's decision left the chair of department of Education vacant. Besides being head of this department he was superintendent of the Williamsburg schools and one of the most prominent of state educators, always being influential at State educational conferences. The College has secured Dr. Holtz, a graduate of the University of Columbia to fill the position left vacant by Dr. Bennett. The student body is to be congratulated in being able to continue their work in this department under a so competent successor as Dr. Holtz.

SCHOLARSHIP RECORDS 1916-17

The table below shows the standing in college of the Fraternity and non-Fraternity men for session 1916-1917.

	Per centage of failures
Kappa Alpha	1.44
Pi Kappa Alpha	2.63
Theta Delta Chi	3.46
Sigma Phi Epsilon	3.81
Kappa Sigma	6.44
Phi Tau Beta	2.44
Average Fraternity Men	4.37
Non-Fraternity Men	2.52

H. L. BRIDGES, Registrar

RESUMES PRACTICE

New Men Out—Team Leaves For Weeks Trips Directly After Exams—Heavy Schedule

After a two weeks rest the quint resumed practice last Friday with determination and zeal. Coach Young has his men well in hand, and is drilling them signals and other essentials of teamwork in preparatory for a gruelling week on the road after examinations. When the team returns from this exhibition trip they ought to be well prepared to enter the championship race in the best condition. The resumption of practice saw new faces on the squad, with these addition to the same squad that pushed the Richmond "Y" team for a victory some weeks ago, the Indians ought to be well assured that they will have a quint fighting to the last whistle of the championship race. Below follows one of the heaviest schedules ever carried by a William and Mary quint:

Dec. 15 Richmond Y. M. C. A.—Williamsburg.
Fed. 2 Emory and Henry—Williamsburg.
Feb. 4 Randolph-Macon—Ashland.
Feb. 5 Lynchburg A. C.—Lynchburg.
Feb. 6 V. M. I.—Lexington.
Feb. 7 Washington and Lee—Lexington.
Feb. 8 Virginia Christian College—Lynchburg.
Feb. 9 Richmond Y. M. C. A.—Richmond.
Feb. 13 Richmond College—Williamsburg.
Feb. 16 Hampden-Sidney—Williamsburg.
Feb. 19 Randolph-Macon—Williamsburg.
Feb. 23 Hampden-Sidney—Hampden-Sidney.
Feb. 27 Richmond College—Richmond.
N. B. Games for January are pending.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Let there be no misunderstanding. Our present and immediate task is to win the war, and nothing shall turn us aside from it until it is accomplished. Every power and resource we possess, whether of men, of money, or of material, is being devoted and will continue to be devoted to that purpose until it is achieved.

"We shall regard the war as won only when the German people say to us, through properly accredited representatives, that they are ready to agree to a settlement based upon justice and the reparation of the wrongs their rulers have done.

When this intolerable thing, this German power, is, indeed, defeated and the time come that we can discuss peace—when the German people have spokesmen whose words we can believe and when those spokesmen are ready in the name of their people to accept the common judgement of the nations as to what shall henceforth be the bases of law and of covenant for the life of the world—we shall be willing and glad to pay the full price for peace and pay it ungrudgingly. We know what that price will be. It will be full impartial justice—justice done at every point and to every nation that the final settlement must affect our enemies as well as our friends."

V. M. Geddy, an alumnus, has been in town for the past few weeks visiting his parent. "Bugs" is teaching and coaching at Woodberry Forest.

Fellow Students:

Sometime in the near future the "Flat Hat Staff" proposes to enlarge the paper. Now this entirely depends upon your cooperation and help. As yet I have not received subscriptions from as much as half of the student body. Let's wake up and enlarge the paper this year and show the boys at front what we are doing at "Old W. & M."

J. D. Carneal, Jr., Bus. Mgr.

IN FRANCE

William and Mary added another wreath to her laurels when one of her sons fired the first shell in this present conflict for the American side thereby sounding the death knell to Autocracy, Militarism and Prussianism and the shedding of the blood of another loyal son for the same sacred cause.

The latest additions to her long line of Famous Alumni are Lieut. E. W. Younge and the Lieut. Frank M. Mitchell. Military reports show that Lieut. Younge was one of the first American officers to be wounded and Lieut. Mitchell was in command of the battery that fired the first shell against the Germans since the American entered this war.

Lieut. Younge attended William and Mary for two years and then took the Medical course at the Virginia Medical College. He was living at McCenny Virginia when the war broke out and he obtained a Commission in the Medical Corps and sailed for France shortly afterwards. Then came the report, "General Pershing reports that Lieut. E. W. Younge was severely wounded in action." The words "in action" are the keynote to the whole report. It is deeply significant that William and Mary men fight and die "in action." Lieut. Younge has nobly upheld the precedence of the Alumni gone before him.

Lieut. Frank M. Mitchell another former student of this College was in command of one of the 6th Field Art batteries which fired the first shell for the Americans. Lieut. Mitchell's home is at Norfolk Virginia.

The significance of the news is that they were "in action" at "the front" signifying the stand that all loyal sons of William and Mary take when their country calls them to rally around the Stars and Stripes in their defense. Here's to Lieuts. Younge and Mitchell true sons of William and Mary, and may this record hereafter be as filled with glory as it is already.

Students were rather late in returning from their Christmas vacation due to the bad transportation facilities.

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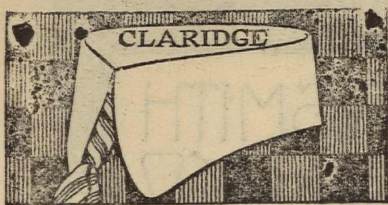
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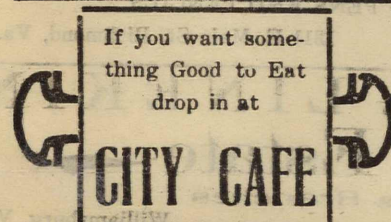
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